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CZECH COMMUNIST PARTY INSTRUCTIONS FOR CREDENTIALS CONTROL

SAFEGUARDING PARTY CREDENTIALS

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The necessity for increased alertness and constant struggle for Party purity was again emphasized at the February meeting of the Central Committee of the Party. Comrade Ladislav Kopriva pointed out several instances of abuse and falsification of Party credentials. Some persons abused Party credentials to obtain better positions or to earn more money, others desired to cross the border. From the experiences of the revolutionary movement in other countries, however, we must realize that Party credentials in the future might be abused for an even worse purpose, such as espionage, provocation, etc.

In some instances, credentials were improperly obtained through an individual's claim that he had lost his credentials and wanted them to replace them. In one case, credentials were obtained through an employee of the printing plant where forms for the credentials were printed.

Experience shows that, in the case of loss of credentials, it is not sufficient to be satisfied with a mere report of loss. All circumstances surrounding the loss must be ascertained. All Party members, and especially officials, must do everything to make it impossible for enemies to penetrate our ranks.

CONTROL OF MEMBERSHIP CREDENTIALS

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A checkup of all members of the Party will be held this autumn, and on the basis of this checkup membership credentials will be replaced. The control of membership credentials held at the beginning of the year was valuable preparation for this.

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All Party organizations must regularly control membership credentials. At each membership meeting and at conferences of officials, it is necessary to carry out a control of credentials and announce the result to the entire assembly. Cell leaders in basic organizations must submit a report on the status of the credentials of their cell members to the committee or the membership meeting every fourth month (in January, May, and September). The auditing commissions of kraj and okres committees of the Party must devote increased attention to ascertaining the status of card files in basic organizations and the status of the credentials of every member and candidate.

During the control, a number of defects were discovered which must be quickly eliminated. Even now, many Party members, through uo fault of their own, have no Party credentials although they have requested them many times. Therefore, the okres and kraj committees will see to it that the requests of these members are quickly processed, and they will send them to the secretariat of the Central Committee by 30 June.

It will also be necessary, insofar as it has not been done already, to investigate all instances of loss of credentials, loss of verification stamp, unauthorized corrections in credentials, etc. As part of the preparation for replacement of membership credentials and the checkup on all Party members, membership card files in basic organizations will be collated with the okres membership card file.

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